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**CHAPTER ONE
ARTS AND CRAFTS COMMITTEE**

Section 101. Arts and Culture Committee; Qualification; Appointment; Removal.

(a) The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall officially recognize an Arts and Culture Committee, which shall be charged and empowered with the duties and responsibilities listed in Section 104 of Title 1A.

(b) The Arts and Culture Committee shall be a five (5) member Committee including at least two (2) members of the Seminole Nation.

(1) The Arts and Culture Committee shall consist of a minimum of one (1) member of the General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, preferably members with experience in arts or culture such as teaching or are an artist.

(2) Committee members who are not Council members shall have experience in teaching art, creating art or professional experience in a art-related field.

(3) The Principal Chief shall appoint the members of the Arts and Culture Committee, subject to confirmation by the General Council.

(4) The Principal Chief and Assistant Chief shall be ex officio, non-voting members of the Arts and Culture Committee.

(5) At least three (3) official Committee members shall be in attendance in order to establish a quorum.

(c) The Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma may at any time recall the appointment of any member of the Arts and Culture Committee for good cause shown, subject to the approval of a majority of the Council.

(d) Voting on agenda items by the Arts and Culture Committee shall be by roll call vote and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.

(e) No member of the Committee shall be an employee of the Seminole Nation while serving on the Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

Section 102. Officers.

The first meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee, after at least three (3) appointments are confirmed by the General Council, shall be organized by the Principal Chief. At the first

meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee, the Arts and Culture Committee shall elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary from within its membership.

[HISTORY: Law No. 91-17, December 7, 1991; Amended by Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

Section 103. Duties of the Arts and Culture Committee.

The Arts and Culture Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) Ensuring the Nation's compliance with federal and tribal laws governing Indian arts and crafts activities, and
- (b) Shall make recommendations to the General Council of the Seminole Nation regarding proposed legislative action to ensure compliance with federal and tribal laws governing Indian arts, crafts and cultural activities; and
- (c) Shall maintain the Registry of Seminole Artisans; and
- (d) Shall exercise such other duties as shall be consistent with the general oversight and protection of Seminole artisans and Seminole arts and crafts; and
- (e) Develop short and long range plans for the immediate and future needs of the members of the Nation for the arts and cultural programs which are provided to the members of the Nation; and
- (f) Develop of a non-profit foundation for Arts and Culture and youth activities related to art and culture for members of the Seminole Nation; and
- (g) Recommend to the General Council further development of programs, policies and laws for the Nation and Oklahoma regarding art and culture; and
- (h) Prepare and submit an annual report of activities, findings and proposals for review by the General Council as provided for in Section 105 of Title 1A; and
- (i) Utilize professional Seminole Nation and Oklahoma art educators, citizens in the community, artists and students as an advisory resource to the Arts and Culture Committee.

[HISTORY: Law No. 91-17, December 7, 1991; Amended by Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

Section 104. Term.

The term of Arts and Culture Committee members shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment by the Principal Chief and confirmation of the General Council .

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

Section 105. Arts and Culture Committee; Compensation.

Pursuant to Title 16, Section 602, in which all Members of Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation receive a stipend of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), this law shall apply to persons appointed to the Committee who attend the meetings of Arts and Culture Committee. If the amount paid to Members of Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation is modified in Title 16, Section 602, the modifications shall also apply to the Arts and Culture Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

Section 106. Arts and Culture Committee Governed by General Council.

(a) It is to be understood and directed that the Arts and Culture Committee will be extended the utmost and highest cooperation of all concerned while in the performance of its duties and will be working in the best interests of the citizens of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

(b) The Arts and Culture Committee is governed by the General Council and shall submit an annual report of activities, findings and proposals for review at the Quarterly Meeting of the General Council held the first Saturday of September each year.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, March 1, 2008]

CHAPTER TWO

REGISTRY OF ARTISANS OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Section 201. Definition of Artisans.

An artisan is a person who identifies himself as an artist or craftsperson.

[HISTORY: Law No. 91-17, December 7, 1991.]

Section 202. Registry of Seminole Artisans.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby creates a Registry of Seminole Artisans, which shall be maintained by the Arts and Crafts Committee of the Seminole Nation. Every artisan who is a member of the Seminole Nation is entitled to be listed on the Registry of Seminole Artisans. Every artisan who can prove through documentation that he is a lineal descendant of a Seminole citizen whose name appears on the final rolls of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approved pursuant to Section 2 of the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137) shall also be entitled to be listed on the Registry of Seminole Artisans, regardless of his tribal membership status.

[HISTORY: Law No. 91-17, December 7, 1991]

Section 203. Certification of Artisans.

The Tribal Enrollment Office shall be responsible for verification of the status of any person entitled to be listed in the Registry of Seminole Artisans. The Tribal Enrollment Office shall issue a certificate for any tribal member artisan applying for such a certificate. The Tribal Enrollment Office shall issue a certificate to non-tribal members who qualify due to lineal descendant from a Seminole citizen listed on the 1906 rolls, pursuant to general enrollment procedures set forth in Title 22 of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation. The Enrollment office shall provide the original certificate to the artisan applying for the certificate, and shall place a copy in the individual's enrollment file. The Enrollment Office shall place a copy of each certificate issued in a separate "Registry" file which shall be made accessible to the Arts and Crafts Committee for purposes of maintenance of the Registry of Seminole Artisans. There shall be no fee for the certificate.

[HISTORY: Law No. 91-17, December 7, 1991]

CHAPTER THREE PRINCESS COMMITTEE

Section 301. Establishment of Princess Committee: Qualifications.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall officially recognize a Princess Committee, which shall be charged and empowered with certain duties and responsibilities as specified herein. The Princess Committee shall be a five (5) member board consisting of at least two of the members of the Seminole Nation who have served as a Princess for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 302. Term.

The term of the Princess Committee members shall serve staggered terms of two (2) years. From their confirmation by the General Council, one member will serve a term of one (1) year ending on December 1, 2007, two members will serve a term of eighteen (18) months ending on June 1, 2008 and two members will serve a term of two (2) years ending on December 1, 2008.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 303. Appointment of Members to Board; Bond; Removal.

The Principal Chief shall appoint the members of the Princess Committee, subject to the approval of the General Council. The Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma may at any time recall the appointment of any member of the Princess Committee for good cause shown, and subject to the approval of the majority of the Council.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 304. Duties.

The duties of the Princess Committee shall include overseeing the following:

- (a) Representation of the Seminole Nation by the Seminole Nation Princess at various functions.
- (b) Attend other tribally sponsored activities that pertain to the preservation or promotion of Seminole cultural, historical, and recreational customs.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 305. Meetings.

At the first meeting of the Princess Committee, the members of the Committee shall elect a Chairman. The Princess Committee shall meet at least quarterly. No member shall be recognized as a member of the Princess Committee until notice, in the form of a General Council

resolution approving the appointment, has been received by the Board. At least three (3) official Committee members shall be present in order to establish a quorum. Voting shall be by roll call vote. Committee members shall receive a meeting stipend from an appropriate fund in accordance with Title 16, Section 602 of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation. All other procedures of the Princess Committee not contained herein shall be governed by the By-Laws of the Princess Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 306. Reports.

The Princess Committee Chairman shall provide quarterly reports to the General Council, showing expenditures made for each sponsored activity, and specifying funds remaining for award purposes.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 307. Effective Date; Program Years.

The effective date of this Program shall be October 1, 2006. Each program year shall be on a fiscal year basis, commencing on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following year. The Seminole Nation shall continue to operate the program from program year to program year, provided that sufficient funds are available in the "Princess Committee Fund" and provided further that the General Council has by resolution approved a budget for such program year.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]

Section 308. Appropriation of Funds.

An initial appropriation of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Seminole Nation Development Authority shall be appropriated for the "Seminole Nation Princess Committee" pursuant to a resolution enacted by the General Council. Any and all additional appropriations shall be made by resolution of the General Council. All funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be placed in a separate interest bearing trust account entitled "Seminole Nation Princess Committee." All interest accruing from funds in said trust account shall be incorporated into the Programs of the Princess Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. 2006-16, December 12, 2006]